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GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ANNOUNCES NOTICE OF SCOPING FOR WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Page, AZ The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of a Wildland Fire Management Plan for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA). The EA is needed in order to evaluate potential impacts to the natural and cultural environment from proposed wildland fire management activities in Glen Canyon NRA. The NPS is soliciting comments from the public to help identify issues and develop alternative fire management approaches that will be evaluated in the EA. You are invited to provide your comments and become part of this planning effort.

Glen Canyon NRA has not had a Wildland Fire Management Plan revision since 1994. Wildfires have been relatively infrequent and small with suppression being the primary management method. In order to improve management and meet park objectives, Glen Canyon NRA is writing a Wildland Fire Management Plan and an accompanying EA.

The purpose of wildland fire management at Glen Canyon NRA is to protect and conserve the natural and cultural resources of the park for the enjoyment of present and future generations. This includes perpetuation of the ecosystem in which these resources occur. Wildland fire management is also intended to protect human life and property and to provide safe, quality outdoor recreation experiences for the public.

The NPS has identified preliminary issues and alternatives related to wildland fire management that will be researched and analyzed by an interdisciplinary group of professionals. Public involvement broadens the scope of issues and information included in the planning process, resulting in an improved management plan. The NPS strongly encourages you to take the time to share your ideas and opinions.

Once the NPS has received and reviewed the scoping comments, those issues will be analyzed and used to help determine what types of wildland fire management methods will be most effective at Glen Canyon NRA. The Wildland Fire Management EA will then be written and should be available for review during the summer of 2004.

If you wish to be placed on the mailing list and receive future information about this Plan/EA, please send your name and mailing address to park headquarters. Send all comments and questions to: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Wildland Fire Management Plan EA, P.O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040.

Please note: Names and addresses of people who comment become part of the public record. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations, businesses, and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses available for public inspection in their entirety.

The Notice of Scoping and Comment Form can also be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm. Written comments may also be e-mailed to Glen Canyon NRA at GLCA_WildlandFireManagementPlan@nps.gov. **All public comments must be received by January 10, 2004.**

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